

REMARKS

In the Advisory Action mailed August 7, 2002, the proposed amendment was entered to resolve the then-pending §112, second paragraph rejection, however the request for consideration was rejected on the grounds that the application had not been placed in condition for allowance, "as the limitations of claim 2, which have been added to claim 1 by amendment, have previously been rejected." August 7, 2002 Advisory Action at 2. The Applicant hereby incorporates the arguments accompanying the July 24, 2002 §1.116 Amendment by reference, and respectfully requests the consideration of these arguments, which discuss the cited references' teachings away from the present invention.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the presently pending claims are in allowable form. The Applicant therefore earnestly solicits an early and favorable action on the merits and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1 and 3-13.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4232 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are required in connection with this submission. Nonetheless, the Applicants authorize payment of any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit of any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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